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1. It is reported that the Kurds of North Syria are in touch with the Kurds of North Iran, and that regular couriers come and go on the mountain paths, avoiding the trodden ways of the plain. Contraband is regularly carried between Iran and Syria. In addition to arms and ammunition, quantities of Kurdish clothing have been pouring in through Turkey. Letters written in Persian have been received in Syria which urged complete secrecy and contained words of encouragement for the common cause.
2. The leading Christian (Chaldean) chief, Azis Agha Yakub, at Pesh-Khabur in North Syria, was said to be very hopeful that the Christians would soon be freed from the Moslem yoke. He reportedly stated that the Soviets would include sections of North Syria in their proposed Kurdish state, and that the Soviet flag would fly there by next spring.
3. At Jeziret al-Sharaf, a Turkish district not far from the Syrian frontier, Subhi Ueuf Bey, Kurdish merchant and Secretary of the regional Turkish Democratic Party, is said to have made the following remarks:
 - (a) Under cover of a bid for real democracy, the Democratic Party plans to stage a revolution in the spring of 1947, with the help of the Soviets;
 - (b) Dr. Kamiran Badr Khan of Beirut will soon become the "Prince of the Kurds." The Kurds in Beirut must collaborate with the Lebanese communists, and any Kurd of the Jeziret al-Sharaf region who is hard up is advised to go to Beirut. So far, about 50 or 60 have been going there per week;
 - (c) It is in the interests of Christians who emigrated from Kurdish territory to Beirut and other parts of Lebanon to collaborate with Kamiran Badr Khan and the Lebanese communists. Once the Soviet success is attained, these Christian emigrants from Turkey would be able to return home and would surely regain the properties which they have lost. Meantime, if they collaborate with the local communists in Lebanon, they will be taken care of by responsible persons in Beirut in the same way as the Kurdish emigrants who are now going to that city.
 - (d) Jaladat Badr Khan is looking after the Kurds in Damascus in the same way that his brother Kamiran is doing in Beirut.

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4. At Mosul in Iraq, Abbud Agha al-Kashmuli, prominent Kurd who has good contacts with Mulla Mustafa, is reported to have made the following statements concerning the Mulla:
 - (a) Mulla Mustafa is doing very well in North Iran and has already been made a Pasha, or general;
 - (b) Abbud Agha regretted that the British authorities in Iraq were not doing anything to stem the tide of communism in Kurdish circles;
 - (c) The most potent element in the success of Russian propaganda among the Kurds definitely was material gain. Chiefs and sub-chiefs are profiting considerably from a regular stream of contraband trade in arms, ammunition, clothes and food from North Iran;
 - (d) The leading figure in the movement of Kurdish collaboration with the Soviets in Iraq, Turkey, Syria and Lebanon is Tahsin Ayyuni of Kirkuk in Iraq. He is a Kurd of 50 years of age who studied law at Istanbul, and who speaks Arabic, Kurdish, English, French and German.
5. Ali Agha Kakakhan, a leading Kurd of Erbil in Iraq, is reported to have given his opinion on the situation as follows:
 - (a) We shall not forget the Kurds, wherever they may be: those in Syria and Lebanon have only to be patient. The day will come when they will be free, and then we shall surely teach the miserable Arabs and their English lords a lesson;
 - (b) Let the Kurds organize themselves more effectively, for by next spring great events will take place;
 - (c) We revolted once against the British and another time against the Iraqi government. This time we shall not be alone; the "man with the moustache" is behind us;
 - (d) Our state will extend from Baku to Fesh-Khabur: go ahead and invest your money in land.

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